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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Border Patrol Agents Arrest Alien Wanted By ATF**

**TUCSON, Ariz.** — Border Patrol agents from the Douglas Station have taken a 30-year-old El Salvadoran man into custody.

Marcellino Alberto Bonilla was arrested Saturday, Dec. 28, at approximately 7:00 p.m. with five undocumented citizens of Mexico while attempting to enter into the United States illegally about six miles east of Douglas.

Bonilla was arrested and positively identified utilizing the IDENT/ENFORCE system. It also revealed that Bonilla was wanted on an outstanding warrant issued by the U.S. Marshals Service for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) out of San Jose, Calif. The search also disclosed an extensive criminal history that included firearms violations. He had been previously deported in 1998 after spending a brief sentence in jail in Hayward, Calif., and then taken into custody by Border Patrol. He was then encountered by the San Jose Police Department in May of 1999 and found to be carrying a concealed and loaded .357 pistol in his waistband.

The individual has been transferred to the custody of the Cochise County Sheriff's Office pending extradition to northern California.

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**NOTE TO NEWS MEDIA:** More information concerning the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms' case against Bonilla can be obtained by calling (408) 535-5015.